

Sir: In accordance with your request, the undersigned held a competitive examination in this city on the 2d inst. for the purpose of ascertaining the most proficient young gentlemen of this Congressional District, within the prescribed age, for appointment as Cadet in the West Point Military Academy, and they beg leave now to inform you that as a result of the examination the selection of Mr. Llewellyn Jordan, Port Giles, Claiborne county, Mr. J. P. Mc Laurin, of Hanks, was second in proficiency.

Very respectfully,
G. S. BARKDALE,
M. W. B. BARKDALE,
J. L. HARRIS,
Committee.

The New Orleans & Memphis Railroad, and the New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad will be completed in six months.

J. G. DLANE is a millionaire. When he went to public life he was poor. He went "snacks" with jobbers and was found of perquisites.

YAZOO CITY and Vicksburg will soon be connected by telephone so that the people of the two cities though one hundred miles apart, can talk face to face.

SEBASTIAN'S troubles in Texas on account of the federal election laws. They are contrary to the Constitution and an innovation on the customs of the country. They grew out of the passions of the war, and are fruitful only of cost and trouble. They ought to be repealed.

PACAGOULA DEMOCRAT: Hon. T. M. FAYE, it is thought, will be a candidate for re-election to the Legislature. He is not anxious for Legislative honors, but his many friends in Hancock county are pressing him to serve them again. He has been tried and made a live, active member.

NATCHEZ DEMOCRAT: We regret to learn that Col. E. D. Frost, the energetic Superintendent of N. J. & C. Railroad, has been stricken with paralysis. He went out on last Saturday's train, to visit his family at McDonough City, where he arrived well. On Sunday morning when he arose he found that he had been seized with paralysis in the right side, his arm and his leg being affected. A telegram was received in this city last evening stating that his condition had improved.

Encouraging Prospects for the South.

It is encouraging that the advantages and attractions of the South for emigrants and capitalists are written up by everybody. There is a strong conviction that the South is to be the center of the manufacturing industries of the Union. "My hopes for the South," "Brighter than ever," remarked a prominent Methodist Bishop, after a tour in the West, the high lands and the scarcity of water insuperable bar to immigration as emigrants discover the genial climate and the beauty of the Gulf States.

The personal assessment of this country for taxation compares with that of Europe. For 1883 it is down to \$1,385,696, where as it was several millions of dollars some years ago. The people cannot be divested of their lands for less than a few dollars. The hills are here to stay, but it seems that they are gradually losing their personal property, or it is fearfully shrinking in value—don't know which.—Raymond Gazette.

Probably the assessments are below the real value of property in too many cases. Taxation is a burden which every citizen ought to be willing to bear for the support of his government. In giving his tax list, he should consult his mind whether he is putting the same value on his property that he would take for it if offering it for sale.

On our first page we have published liberal extracts from a letter of Mr. Alfred A. Cohen, of New York, to the Railroad Commissioners of California on the transportation problem. These extracts are reproduced in the CLARION at the request of a prominent Railroad official. We have ourselves very pronounced opinions on the question of State legislation to protect the public against discrimination and overcharge by common carriers; but we desire that our readers shall have the benefit of argument on both sides. We have confidence in the justice and wisdom of the law, and therefore expediency, of our cause, but if it cannot stand the test of investigation and argument, it ought not to stand.

The Trojan Horse.

Supervision of corporations in the interest and for the benefit of the people is all the go now. It was not until recently. The CLARION was severely assailed for even discussing the question. The people are beginning to see, however, and the politicians are falling into line. The obstacle to the execution of their decree, will be the shrewd devices of our friends, the corporation attorneys, to get the friends of supervision to quarrel among themselves about the means of enforcing the doctrine. And by the way, we would admonish them to remember the story of the horse with which the crafty Greeks baffled and defeated the unwary Trojans.

The Mail Service Between Vicksburg and Baton Rouge.

A Washington correspondent says that the fact that the Postmaster General had advertised for proposals for a contemplated mail service on the Mississippi river between Baton Rouge and Vicksburg is not a certainty that the route will be established. Assistant Postmaster-General Elmer is reported to have said that great differences of opinion existed along the line as to the proposed changes. If such differences really exist the fact has not been made known in this latitude. It is well understood that the proposed change will promote efficiency of the service and greatly accommodate the public who are directly interested.

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